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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA**A<sup>1</sup> ROBERT N. TRGOVICH, Clerk  
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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA[This form is for non-prisoners to file a civil complaint. NEATLY print in ink (or type) your answers.]Thomas A. Young  
[You are the **PLAINTIFF**, print your full name on this line.]

v.

Cogdill TH (officer)  
[The **DEFENDANT** is who you are suing. Put ONE name on this line. List ALL defendants below, including this one.]Case Number 2:19cv343  
[For a new case in this court, leave blank.  
The court will assign a case number.]

[The top of this page is the caption. Everything you file in this case must have the same caption. Once you know your case number, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you include it on everything you send to the court for this case. DO NOT send more than one copy of anything to the court.]

**CIVIL COMPLAINT**

#	Defendant's Name and Job Title	Address
1	[Put the defendant named in the caption in this box.] <u>Cogdill TH, (Police officer)</u>	<u>122 Huber Blvd.</u> <u>Hobart, Indiana 46342</u>
2	[Put the names of any other defendants in these boxes.] <u>Mefford A, (Police officer)</u>	<u>122 Huber Blvd.</u> <u>Hobart, Indiana 46342</u>
3	<u>J. Builta, (Police officer)</u>	<u>122 Huber Blvd.</u> <u>Hobart, Indiana 46342</u>

[If you are suing more defendants, attach an additional page. Number each defendant. Put the name, job title, and address of each defendant in a separate box as shown here.]

1. How many defendants are you suing? 3
2. What is your address? 500 North Miami Place,  
Dary, Indiana 46403
3. What is your telephone number: (702) 886-5043
4. Have you ever sued anyone for these exact same claims?
- ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes, attached is a copy of the final judgment OR an additional sheet listing the court, case number, file date, judgment date, and result of the previous case(s).

[DO NOT write in the margins or on the back of any pages. Attach additional pages if necessary.]

[If you need additional space for ANY section, please attach an additional sheet and reference that section.]

**I. Plaintiff(s):**

- A. Name: Thomas A. Young
- B. List all aliases: N/A
- C. Prisoner identification number: N/A
- D. Place of present confinement: N/A
- E. Address: 500 North Miami Place, Gary, Indiana 46403.

(If there is more than one plaintiff, then each plaintiff must list his or her name, aliases, I.D. number, place of confinement, and current address according to the above format on a separate sheet of paper.)

**II. Defendant(s):**

(In A below, place the full name of the first defendant in the first blank, his or her official position in the second blank, and his or her place of employment in the third blank. Space for two additional defendants is provided in B and C.)

- A. Defendant: Mr. Cogdill, TH  
Title: Police Officer  
Place of Employment: New Chicago Police Department
- B. Defendant: Mr. Mefford A.  
Title: Police Officer  
Place of Employment: New Chicago Police Department
- C. Defendant: Mr. J. Builta,  
Title: Police Officer  
Place of Employment: New Chicago Police Department

(If you have more than three defendants, then all additional defendants must be listed according to the above format on a separate sheet of paper.)

[If you need additional space for ANY section, please attach an additional sheet and reference that section.]

**III. List ALL lawsuits you (and your co-plaintiffs, if any) have filed in any state or federal court in the United States:**

- A. Name of case and docket number: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- B. Approximate date of filing lawsuit: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. List all plaintiffs (if you had co-plaintiffs), including any aliases: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- D. List all defendants: *None* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- E. Court in which the lawsuit was filed (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county): \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Name of judge to whom case was assigned: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- G. Basic claim made: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- H. Disposition of this case (for example: Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I. Approximate date of disposition: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU HAVE FILED MORE THAN ONE LAWSUIT, THEN YOU MUST DESCRIBE THE ADDITIONAL LAWSUITS ON ANOTHER PIECE OF PAPER, USING THIS SAME FORMAT. REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY CASES YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY FILED, YOU WILL NOT BE EXCUSED FROM FILLING OUT THIS SECTION COMPLETELY, AND FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL OF YOUR CASE. CO-PLAINTIFFS MUST ALSO LIST ALL CASES THEY HAVE FILED.**



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Plaintiff, Thomas A. Young, brings this Civil Complaint,IV. Statement of Claim: Under, Title 42 section 1983, U.S Code.

State here as briefly as possible the facts of your case. Describe how each defendant is involved, including names, dates, and places. **Do not give any legal arguments or cite any cases or statutes.** If you intend to allege a number of related claims, number and set forth each claim in a separate paragraph. (Use as much space as you need. Attach extra sheets if necessary.)

- 1.) On Sat, June 22, 2019, at about 7:55pm I was traveling home on 80/94, when I was pulled over by a Police vehicle, w/ emergency lights activated, I immediately turned on my right hand signal to pull over when the traffic allowed me to do so; I placed my vehicle in Park and waited for the officer to come to the car, instead the officer backed up, and pulled off, I sat there for about (10) seconds in total dismay, and then pulled off also, thinking that he pulled the wrong vehicle over.
- 2.) Approximately (5) minutes later, still on 80/94 interstate almost at Grant St. exist, I was encountered again by an unmarked black SUV, with emergency lights activated, again I pulled over into the inside emergency lane just before Grant St., when and where my vehicle was approached by two Police officers, with fire arms drawn on me. I was ordered to put my hands out the window, and I complied, and when I did, one grabbed my left arm, pulling me through the window while my seat belt was still locked, the other officer still had his weapon drawn on me.

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while the other officer reached in the car unlocked the door and opened it and tased me, then my feet accidentally pressed on the gas pedal while the car was in Park, the other officer stated to his partner cut the seat belt, but the officer instead unlocked the seat belt, and begin to pull me out, striking me in ~~my~~ face with his fist, pulling me out the car, and throwing me to the ground brutally, then put his knee in my back while handcuffing me. I continued to ask them "what did I do officer"? They then picked me up off the ground and begin to take the probe out. At that time I noticed a gray Nissan, which the officer approached and begin to dialogue, please see enclosed Exhibit A, an affidavit of Roger Shannon, conversation with the officer.

3.) Then and there I was taken to Crown Point County Jail, during process removing my clothes one officer noticed that there was a probe still in my chest, and escorted <sup>me</sup> to the medical dept. for the nurse to remove it, the nurse tried to pull it out but could not, so she told them it would be best to take him to the emergency



room to remove the probe. While ~~waiting~~ over  
an hour the officers stated that "why don't you  
have a Criminal record?" In turn I replied  
"because I'm not a Criminal". So the officers  
stated, this is a waste of our time, we could  
be <sup>out</sup> there arresting real Criminals. They then  
stated to me you are free to go, and you  
will receive something in the mail. Please  
~~see~~ see enclosed Exhibits B, C, D, and E,  
Photos of the injuries I sustained on 6-22-19.

4.) At about 11:00 P.M., my Spiritual Wife  
Came and picked me up from the hospital,  
emergency room, and later took Pictures of my  
injuries.

5.) On June 23, 2019, I attempted to get out  
of bed and couldn't, my Spiritual wife  
had to actually pick me up, and take me  
to the bathroom because of my excruciating  
lower back pain, since this incident I  
have not been able to work my self employed  
job. Please see Exhibits F, medical diagnoses  
of X-ray and MRI.

As a result of Officers/Defendants,

Cogdill, TH, Mefford A., and J. Builta, brutal evil misconduct toward the Plaintiff T. Young, who have suffered Physically and mental Pain by the hands of all three defendants, when they Hit me, tased me, and threw me to the ground and put Knees in my back, causing me to Ambulate with a Cane assistance most of the time and Physical Therapy, see Exhibit G, Prescription for PT.

Therefore; The Plaintiff, has no other recourse but to bring this Complaint before your Honorable Court for pronouncing Judgment and prosecute in favor of the Plaintiff Thomas A. Young.



**V. Relief:**

State briefly exactly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments. Cite no cases or statutes.

*"See Attached Relief Requested"*

VI. The plaintiff demands that the case be tried by a jury. ☒ YES ☐ NO

**CERTIFICATION**

By signing this Complaint, I certify that the facts stated in this Complaint are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that if this certification is not correct, I may be subject to sanctions by the Court.

Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 2019

(Signature of plaintiff or plaintiffs)

*Thomas A. Young*

(Print name)

*THOMAS A. YOUNG*

(I.D. Number)

*N/A*

*500 North Miami Place*

*Gary, Indiana 46403*

(Address)



Attached  
"Relief Requested"

- 1.) Injunctive relief: Order that the Defendants be:
  - a.) Reprimanded, And Sanctioned to the highest level, and Placed in their Central Personnel files for review.
  - b.) Ordered to attend Angry management Classes.
- 2.) Award Compensatory Damages in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, from each Defendant in their individual and official Capacity.
- 3.) Award Punitive Damages in the amount of \$2,500,000.00, from each Defendant, in their individual and official Capacity to deter other Public Police officers from committing unwarrented Physical brutality, and mental anguish on it's Community, and set a Presidential before the entire State of Indiana, Law enforcement, to promote respect for the law, and Provide just due damages payed for the offense Committed herein.
- 4.) Award Plaintiff's, Cost of Court fees.
- 5.) Award Plaintiff's, Attorney fees.
- 6.) Reserve Plaintiff's, rights to Amend his Complaint.
- 7.) Grant trial by jury on all issues triable.
- 8.) Grant such other relief the Court deems just and proper in this Cause / Complaint; such as all Hospital and medical Cost / fees and future medical bills.